REMARKS

Claims 22-30 and 32-40 were pending in this application, with Claims 23, 33 and 39 being rejected. Claims 22, 24-30, 32, 34-38 and 40 have been allowed.

In order to place this application in condition for allowance and avoid the appeal process, Claims 23, 33 and 39 have now been cancelled.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request such an indication in the next written communication.

This paper represents an earnest attempt at advancing prosecution on the merits, and thus Applicants respectfully submit that entry thereof is proper.

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